

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Lake Clark National Park

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Lake
Clark National Park

3b. GSA

Committee No.

557

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/08/2012

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 96-487

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 96-487

13. Effective Date

12/02/1980

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this
Fiscal Year

17a. Open 3 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals.	10/04/2017	10/04/2017
Develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals.	04/11/2018	04/11/2018
Develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals.	09/05/2018	09/05/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$98,900.00	\$98,500.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$4,200.00	\$4,500.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$2,800.00	\$4,300.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$460.00	\$700.00
18d. Total	\$106,360.00	\$108,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.15	1.15

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Commission consults with every appropriate local advisory committee and regional council consultation process directed by P.L. 96-487 (the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), the Commission is required to hold public meetings in all areas affected by the subsistence hunting program. Federal law and regulation provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses, including hunting, fishing, and trapping within Lake Clark National Park. The Commission held three meetings during FY 2018. The Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) met in Port Alsworth, Alaska on October 4, 2017. The SRC reviewed the federal subsistence wildlife proposals for the Lake Clark area being considered for the 2018-2020 regulatory cycle. The Commission conducted a second meeting on April 11, 2018, in Newhalen AK. considering recommendations for the following topics: NPS subsistence research projects; NPS rulemaking for wildlife regulations in national preserves; jet boat use on the Kijik River and the potential to disturb subsistence wildlife resources; subsistence eligibility status for NPS designated resident communities and NPS 13.440 subsistence permits; and a proposed park name for Lake Clark National Park to the local Dena'ina place name of Qizhjah Vena. The Commission was established by Congress to devise and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Lake Clark National Park. The Commission's recommendations help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. The NPS has adopted the following mission statement to guide its activities. Subsistence will be managed as a legislated use consistent with the provisions of ANILCA , the Organic Act of 1916, and the park s enabling legislation to:

- protect the opportunity for qualified local rural residents to continue traditional subsistence activities
- recognize that subsistence ways of life differ from region to region and are continuing to evolve, and where appropriate, park management practices may reflect regional diversity and evolution
- promote local involvement and participation in processes associated with subsistence management
- ensure that management practices involving the utilization of public lands adequately consider the potential for restriction of subsistence uses and impacts upon subsistence resources
- ensure that management of park resources is consistent with the conservation of unimpaired ecosystems and natural and healthy populations of fish and wildlife,

incorporating scientific data and principles with traditional knowledge and cultural values and promote effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural and social values, and park purposes and protection, between the NPS, subsistence users, the State of Alaska and the public.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership, as prescribed by the Commission's enabling legislation, consists of nine members as follows: (a) three members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior; (b) three members appointed by the Governor of Alaska; and (c) three members appointed by the regional council, as established by the Secretary or the State pursuant to section 805 of P.L. 96-487. The members include a range of individuals having personal knowledge of the region's subsistence.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The SRC generally meets twice a year, or as often as circumstances require. Commission recommendations are vitally important on matters relating to the taking of wildlife within the park, and are the foundation for the development and review of the subsistence hunting program. During FY18 the Commission conducted three meetings.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Commission is a forum that promotes effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural resources. The Commission is regularly consulted by the National Park Service to provide input and make recommendations on issues affecting subsistence management within Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

1) EXPECTED CHARTER RENEWAL DATE -- The FACA section 14(b) biennial rechartering requirement has been waived for this committee by P.L. 102-525, October 26, 1992. (2) EXPECTED COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE/TERMINATION AUTHORITY -- The Commission's enabling legislation, P.L. 96-487, provides for continuation of the Commission into the foreseeable future, without termination. (3) MEMBERSHIP -- In accordance with the Commission charter and with P.L. 102-525, members may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until successors are appointed.

Designated Federal Officer

Susanne Green Superintendent, Lake Clark National Park

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alexie, George	11/04/2011	11/04/2017	Subsistence Hunter and Trapper	Representative Member
Alsworth, Glen	12/13/2016	12/13/2019	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Hill, Lary	11/04/2015	11/04/2018	Subsistence Hunter/Trapper	Representative Member
Kahn, Steve	12/13/2016	12/13/2019	Subsistence Hunter	Representative Member
Rychnovsky, Agnes	12/13/2016	12/13/2019	Subsistence Hunter	Representative Member
Shugak,, Senafont	11/04/2015	11/04/2018	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Wilder, Lyle	11/04/2014	11/04/2017	Subsistence User	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

Federal law and regulation provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses, including hunting, fishing and trapping within Lake Clark National Park. The Commission is a forum that promotes effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural resources. The Commission consults with every appropriate local advisory committee and regional council for comment and input on draft hunting plan recommendations. In addition to the advisory committee and regional council consultation process directed by P.L. 96-487 (the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), the Commission is required to hold public meetings in all areas affected by the subsistence hunting program. During FY2018, the Commission conducted three meetings. The Subsistence Resource Commission for Lake Clark National Park was established by the Congress to devise and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Lake Clark National Park. The Commission's unique insight on local customary and traditional patterns of subsistence use within the park has been important in developing workable subsistence hunting plan recommendations. The Commission's recommendations help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



Outcome Comments

The Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission did not submit formal subsistence hunting plan recommendations to the Secretary of Interior during FY 2018. However the Commission developed the following recommendations on Federal Subsistence Board regulatory proposals: 1) WP18-21 – Lake Clark SRC supports the proposal as written. Proposal WP18-21, submitted by the Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council), requests that the harvest limit for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH) be changed to 2 caribou with no additional restrictions in portions of Units 9, 17 and 19. It also requests consolidation of several hunt areas. 2) WP18-24 – Lake Clark SRC decided not to comment on this proposal. Proposal WP18-24 requests that Federally qualified subsistence users be allowed to use a snowmachine to position caribou, wolves, and wolverines for harvest in Unit 17, provided the animals are not shot from a moving vehicle. Submitted by: Kenneth Nukwak of Manokotak. 3) WP18-51 – Lake Clark SRC does not support the proposal. Proposal WP18-51 requests that Federal (statewide) bear baiting restrictions be aligned with State regulations, specifically the use of biodegradable materials. Submitted by: Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission did not develop any new formal subsistence hunting program recommendations in FY 2018.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

58%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

29%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The National Park Service and the Commission use public meetings to evaluate recommendations and proposals.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

Information on Lake Clark National Park may be found at:

<http://www.nps.gov/lacl/parkmgmt/index.htm>